

FIRST BANCORP /NC/  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2018

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 15, 2018**

**First Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| North Carolina                                    | 0-15572                     | 56-1421916                                 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification Number) |

300 SW Broad Street,

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Southern Pines, NC                       | 28387      |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

(910) 246-2500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 8.01 — Other Events

On March 15, 2018, the Registrant issued a news release to announce a cash dividend. The Registrant reported that its board of directors had declared a cash dividend of 10 cents per share on its common stock payable on April 25, 2018 to shareholders of record as of March 30, 2018.

Item 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99(a) – News Release dated March 15, 2018

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

First Bancorp

March 15, 2018 By: /s/ Richard H. Moore  
Richard H. Moore  
Chief Executive Officer

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